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SUBJ: UNGA RESOLUTION ON INDIAN OCEAN AS PEACE ZONE (IOPZ)

SUMMARY: COMMITTEE I OF UNGA APPROVED RES ON IOPZ BY 79-0-27(US)  
VOTE WHICH CALLS FOR POWERS TO REFRAIN FROM INCREASING MILITARY  
PRESENCE IN AREA AND TO COOPERATE WITH AD HOC COMITE.

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RES ALSO REQUESTS LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES TO BEGIN

CONSULTATIONS WITH VIEW TO CONVENING CONFERENCE ON IO. SOVS, UK, AND FRANCE ALSO ABSTAINED. END SUMMARY

1. ON 14 NOV. 1974 COMITE I ADOPTED RES CONTAINED AS ADDENDUM TO DOC A/9629 (REPORT OF AD HOC COMITE ON IOPZ) BY A VOTE OF 79-0-27(US) MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE RES ARE QUOTED BELOW.

2. DURING DEBATE IN COMITE SOVS (ROSCHIN) NOTED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SEARCH FOR FAVORABLE SOLUTION TO IOPZ PROBLEM PROVIDED THERE IS OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THERE IS NO ARTIFICIAL DELINEATION OF GROUPS OF STATES THAT WOULD ENJOY SPECIAL RIGHTS WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIME GOVERNING THE INDIAN OCEAN. ROSCHIN SAID ANY PROPOSAL INTERFERING WITH FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION, PARTICULARLY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BY NAVAL VESSELS, WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. HE SAID SOVS HAVE NO MILITARY OR NAVAL BASES OF ANY KIND IN THE REGION AND TO ALLOW BASES OF "IMPERIALIST" STATES TO REMAIN THERE IS TO PLACE SOVS IN INFERIOR POSITION. QTE: THEREFORE, THE DECLARATION OF IOPZ REQUIRES PRIMARILY THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FOREIGN BASES IN THAT AREA. THE USSR IS GUIDED BY THIS STANDPOINT IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE QUESTION OF US MILITARY BASES ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA. UNQTE. ROSCHIN THEN TOOK ISSUE WITH EXPERTS REPORT AND NUMBER OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF RES AND ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO ABSTAIN.

3. PRC (LIN) DENOUNCED SUPERPOWER "GUNBOAT POLICY" AND RAPPED SOVS FOR ESTABLISHING PERMANENT FLEET IN IO AND FOR "SEEKING BY ALL MEANS TO ESTABLISH MILITARY BASES ALONG THE COASTS OF THE IO AND ENGAGING IN INTERFERENCE AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES." LIN CALLED FOR DISMANTLING ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN REGION.

4. JAPAN (NISHIBORI) SUPPORTED RES BUT SOUGHT CONSIDERATION FOR THREE POINTS: (A) PRESERVATION OF FREEDOM OF HIGH SEAS; (B) NEED FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION; AND (C) THE NEED TO ENSURE SECURITY OF STATES IN AREA.

5. AD HOC COMITE CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE DELIVERED DETAILED EXPLANATION OF RES ON 11 NOV. AND REFERRED TO THE COMITE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT IT SHOULD PROCEED WITH CONSULTATIONS WITH US, SOVS, UK AND FRANCE. HE APPEALED TO THESE STATES SAYING "...WHAT WE EXPECT OF THEM IS A CLEAR STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT THEM IN GIVING EFFECT TO THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE. WE DO NOT FIND IT PROFITABLE TO PROCEED WITH OUR DELIBERATIONS ON PREMISES THAT ARE UNJUSTIFIED, UNTENABLE OR UNREALISTIC. WE HOPE THAT THE FOUR

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PERMANENT MEMBERS WILL SEE THEIR WAY TO COOPERATING WITH US AND TO INFORMING US OF THEIR PROBLEMS SO THAT WE CAN MORE CLEARLY ENVISAGE THE POSSIBILITIES OF REALIZING THIS CONCEPT." ON 14 NOV. HE AGAIN DEFENDED RES AND EXPRESSED DISMAY AT LACK OF COOPERATION BY POWERS.

6. IN EXPLANATIONS OF ABSTAINING VOTES, BOTH FRANCE (SCALABRE) AND UK(ALLEN) EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR AIMS OF IOPZ BUT NOT WITH THE ATTEMPT TO MODIFY ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL

LAW (HIGH SEAS FREEDOMS) BY UNGA RESOLUTION. US DID NOT MAKE STATEMENT.

7. IN SEPARATE RES COMITE APPROVED EXPANDING AD HOC COMITE MEMBERSHIP BY NOT MORE THAN THREE TO TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN MEMBERS (USUN 5267).

8. MAJOR PROVISIONS OF BAISC RES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THE COMPETITIVE EXPANSION OF THE MILITARY PRESENCE OF THE GREAT POWERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WOULD CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMS RACE, LEADING TO AN INCREASE OF TENSION IN THE AREA,

CONSIDERING THAT THE CREATION OF A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REQUIRES

(A) THE ELIMINATION OF ALL MANIFESTATIONS OF GREAT POWER MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE REGION CONCEIVED IN THE CONTEXT OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY,

(B) CO-OPERATION AMONG THE REGIONAL STATES TO ENSURE CONDITIONS OF SECURITY WITHIN THE REGION AS ENVISAGED IN THE DECLARATION,

1. URGES THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MAJOR MARITIME USERS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TO GIVE TANGIBLE SUPPORT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PRESERVATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE;

2. CALLS UPON THE GREAT POWERS TO REFRAIN FROM INCREASING AND STRENGTHENING THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE REGION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE RELAXATION OF TENSION AND THE PROMOTION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA;

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3. ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, AS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 35 OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE;

4. REQUESTS THE LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TO ENTER, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, INTO CONULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO CONVENING A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN;

5. INVITES ALL STATES, ESPECIALLY THE GREAT POWERS, TO CO-OPERATE IN A PRACTICAL MANNER WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS; UNQTE  
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